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GREEN GANESHA

Citizens gear up to celebrate Ganesha Chaturthi in eco-friendly manner

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TICKET TO RIDE

Some ideas to make bus a good option: Subsidisies, passes, better marketing

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KSRTC spends Rs 7-8 lakh just to maintain Peenya's bus stand, which has barely any operations; non-transport revenue sources too not quite working out

DESOLATION STATION

Nelamangala-bound traffic was to be diverted from Peenya with stop built at Rs 40 crore in 2014

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The Basaveshwara bus stand in Peenya has become a financial burden for the cash-strapped Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation. Originally, it was constructed to alleviate traffic congestion at Majestic but failed to fulfill its intended purpose. Despite this, the transport corporation is spending a substantial amount, estimated to be between Rs 7 lakh and Rs 8 lakh, to maintain the facility.

A KSRTC official said, "On a monthly basis, we are obligated to cover expenses like a power bill of Rs 2.5 lakh, a water bill of Rs 1.5 lakh, and costs associated with security personnel and D group employees."

Currently, the bus stand sees limited bus operations, with only a portion of long-distance buses using it as a resting place. While there is ample space for potential real estate development or leasing space out to commercial establishments, revenue generation has been meager.

The officials, Chandrashekar, said, "We have twice issued tenders for leasing out the buildings, but the response has been underwhelming. The Skill Development department of the Central Government has

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"We are facing some losses due to low passenger traffic at the Basaveshwara bus stop, but we are actively seeking ways to attract more people. The main road is 0.75 km from the bus stop, so we had planned to install a travelator connecting it to the Peenya metro station

– KSRTC official

Catch them, if you can

With police seeking public help to catch hit-and-run accused, we speak to citizens to understand what more can be done

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There are a substantial number of hit-and-runs in the city, where a closure to the case is not possible. According to Alok Kumar, Additional Director General of Police, Traffic & Road Safety, 17% of road accident deaths that are reported are hit and run cases where the accused is unknown.

Kumar took to X (Twitter), on September 13, and stated that out of these hit and run cases, only 25% cases are subsequently resolved.

He added that, "Perpetrators of offence must not go unpunished", urging the public to take photos, videos of such vehicles and accidents and inform 112.

Soon after his tweet, the comment section was filled with people expressing their opinion on what can be done to minimise hit and run cases, where many added that the use of dashcams and cameras of vehicles should be made compulsory.

"Kindly make dash cams mandatory for all the 4-wheelers. In this way, the traffic

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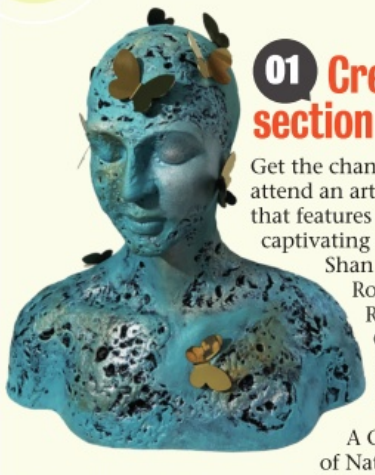
3 THINGS TO DO



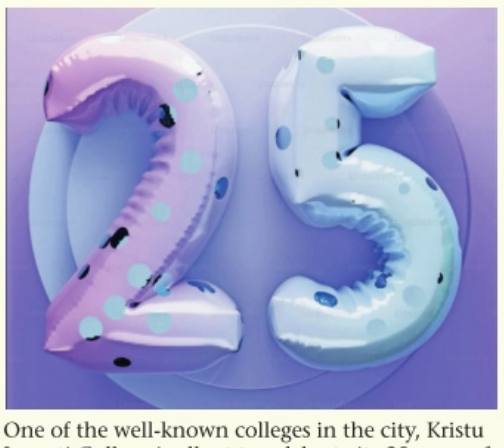
01 Creative section

Get the chance to attend an art exhibition that features over 50 captivating works by Shan Re and Romican Revola. Gallery G is hosting Floral Symphony: A Celebration of Nature's Canvas, which pays homage to the beauty of nature and promotes environmental sustainability. **Where: Gallery G, Lavelle Road**
When: September 15 to 30; 10 am to 7 pm

02 Live music

One of the most lively venues in Bengaluru is set to bring a night of electrifying music and nostalgia to music enthusiasts. Trouble Clef will take the stage to lead the audience on a musical journey this weekend through the iconic radio classics of Deep Purple.
Where: Hard Rock Cafe, St Mark's Road
When: September 16; 9 pm

03 Silver Jubilee



One of the well-known colleges in the city, Kristu Jayanti College is all set to celebrate its 25 years of excellence in higher education. On the occasion, KJ George, Minister for Energy, Government of Karnataka will be inaugurating the Silver Jubilee Celebrations, along with Prof Niranjan Vanalli, Vice Chancellor, Bengaluru North University, Fr Dr Abraham Vettiyankal, CMI, Provincial, St Joseph Province, Kottayam.
Where: Jubilee Auditorium, Kristu Jayanti College Campus; When: September 14; 2 pm

Here's to eco-conscious Chaturthi preparations

Citizens are gearing up to celebrate Ganesha Chaturthi in eco-friendly way in city; decide to carry out immersion of idol in specially created tank of treated water

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Citizens making clay Ganesha idols during a workshop to create awareness of Green Ganesha for every home, organised at Ulsoor Lake

With Ganesha Chaturthi only days away, many Bngalureans have yet again decided to celebrate the festival the right way. Responsible citizens are resorting to various environmentally friendly ways to commemorate the fete. From organising awareness programmes for children to creating recycled immersion tanks, and from arranging a zero-waste event to encouraging devotees to carve their own green Ganesha, the festival in the city is becoming more eco-friendly with each passing year.

"We have decided to carry out the immersion of the idol in a specially created tank of treated water. The community idol will be made up of clay, and after the festival, it will be immersed in an environment-friendly manner. Visrjana will happen in a large drum of treated water, and the water will then be used for gardening. Other organic items, such as flowers and leaves, will be sent for composting. We plan to store the clay after immersion and use it for next year's community idol too. The treated water for immersion is the same that residents use to drink after filtering through an RO system," said Babu R, president, T-ZED Homes, an apartment complex in Whitefield.

For the pooja and decorations, the residents at T-ZED will be using reusable material from their homes, and flowers and leaves will be composted. A clay Ganesha workshop for the children of the apartment complex is also being organised.

Nearly 600 students from 15 schools and 10 colleges in the Malleswaram area will gather on Saturday to celebrate the festival in an eco-friendly manner and will carve out Ganesha idols under supervision. After the event, students will either take them to their homes or use the clay for other artwork, such as pottery.

"The event will be organised on September 16 at Hemanshu Jyothi Kala Peetha School in Malleswaram. We also have an environmental expert this year to talk to the students and spread awareness about the harmful impacts of idols made up of plaster of paris or other chemicals. The idea is to catch them young and inculcate a sense of an environment-friendly way of celebrating festivals. The best clay idol will also be awarded under different categories, and all students will get participation certificates," said M Hemanth Gowda, the organiser of the event and president of Youths of Malleswaram.

> **"The community idol will be made up of clay, and after the festival, it will be immersed in an environment-friendly manner**
> – Babu R, president, T-ZED Homes

Sobha Chrysanthemum residents in the Narayanapura area are also gearing up to celebrate the festival in an eco-friendly way. Apart from using clay Ganesha, they are also looking forward to having a zero-plastic event. "Apart from having a clay idol, the items used to decorate the stage will also be eco-friendly," said Chanchal Pande, president, Sobha Chrysanthemum Apartment Association.

IAF: Time to integrate unmanned aerial vehicles

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The Air Force is expanding its capabilities beyond traditional flights and helicopters by incorporating unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and drones into its operations. Air Commodore Rohith Vjaydev, Air Officer Commanding at Air Force Station Yelahanka, shared during a media interaction held at the base that the IAF has been actively working on integrating these technologies.

A senior IAF official said, "UAVs and drones are now extensively employed for surveillance and reconnaissance missions, providing real-time intelligence-gathering capabilities without risking human lives. They are instrumental in monitoring areas of interest, tracking potential threats, and collecting critical information. These devices are effectively utilised across borders to identify smuggling activities and potential security breaches. Moreover, they serve various purposes such as command support, search and rescue, humanitarian assistance, disaster relief, training, and simulation."

In addition to the challenges in the skies, the Air Force is also vigilant about cyber threats. An IAF official stated, "The IAF is continually enhancing its cybersecurity measures to safeguard

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to adapt to evolving threat landscapes. We are conducting training and awareness programmes and employing a combination of firewalls, encryption, regular audits, penetration testing, and incident response and recovery systems."

Meanwhile, Air Force Station Yelahanka is preparing to train a new group called the 'Agniveer Vayu,' which includes women.

The first batch of Agniveer Vayu has been assigned to various IAF units. Air Force Station Yelahanka has been selected as one of the pilot stations for Agni Veer Vayu. As per the policy, 25% of the Agniveer Vayus will be retained. The first batch of women, Agniveer Vayu, is currently undergoing training at the Airmen Training School in Belagavi. Furthermore, Yelahanka Air Force Station has been chosen as one of the few pilot stations to train and deploy Agniveer Vayu.

Ten of these individuals are expected to report to Yelahanka station in December 2023 for an eight-week Agniveer system training (ASTRA). Women have been inducted into the Air Force as officers for some time, but as Agniveer Vayu, they are undergoing training.

When non-specialist tackles question paper

Director specialised in pathology gets suspended for irregularities in conducting fellowship course (orthopaedics) entrance examination

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It is quite astonishing and amusing to still come across scams related to recruitment and entrance tests, despite many people being behind bars and government employees losing their jobs due to their involvement in the question paper leak and the police sub-inspector (PSI) recruitment scam.

The latest scam is related to the entrance test conducted for the candidates who applied for fellowship courses at the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopedics. Health and Family Welfare (Medical Education) Additional Chief Secretary Jawaid Akhtar issued an order suspending Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics Director Dr Niranjan Gowda for irregularities in conducting entrance examinations for fellowship courses.

"Dr Niranjana Gowda, director of the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics, is suspended from service as he is found guilty. He should not leave the headquarters without permission during the period of suspension. He is eligible to draw salary as per Rule 98 of the Karnataka Civil Service Rules," Jawaid Akhtar said in the order.

Based on a complaint, the medical education department constituted a two-member committee to probe the allegations against Dr Niranjan Gowda for not preparing question papers as per the norms. The two-member committee found that Dr Gowda, who specialised in pathology, prepared 50 per cent of the questions for the entrance test for fellowship courses.

The two-member committee reported that Dr Gowda did not have permission to prepare 50 per cent of the questions for the question paper prepared for the fellowship course entrance examination. It was opined that he should have availed of the services of experts on the subject for preparing the remaining 50 per cent of the questions. It has been stated that a pathologist preparing a question paper for fellowship courses (orthopaedics) is unscientific. "It is confusing how Dr Niranjan Gowda, a pathologist, prepared questions for candidates applying for fellowship courses pertaining to orthopaedics," the committee said in the report.

> **"It is confusing how a pathologist made questions for candidates applying for course related to orthopaedics** –report

The two-member committee recommended the Medical Education Department cancel the entrance examination for fellowship courses organised by the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopedics. It recommended the Medical Education Department assign Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute to conduct the entrance test for fellowship courses.

Meanwhile, Medical Education Department Under Secretary M Jyothi Prakash issued an order on August 30 giving concurrent charge of the post of Director of Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopaedics to the Director of Medical Education, Dr BL Sujatha Rathod.

"The entrance examination for fellowship courses was conducted by Bangalore Medical College and Research Institute, and the successful candidates have already joined the Sanjay Gandhi Institute of Trauma and Orthopedics. As per the norms, a person who is not specialised in orthopaedics should not prepare questions pertaining to the question paper for orthopaedics. It is against norms," said Dr BL Sujatha Rathod.

Four arrested for MLA seat con

Chaitra Kundapur, a pro-Hindu activist, and three other people were arrested at the Udupi Krishna Mutt on Tuesday evening for allegedly defrauding a businessman out of Rs 5 crore in the name of a BJP ticket. Bengaluru police have arrested four people and are looking for four others in connection with the complaint.

During the May assembly elections, a businessman by the name of Govind Babu Pujari (44) filed a complaint at the Bandepalya Police Station in Bengaluru, alleging that Chaitra Kundapur and seven other people had defrauded him by offering him a BJP MLA seat from Byndoor in the Udupi district.

In his case, Pujari stated that Kundapur and Gagan Kadur had defrauded him by meeting with him, taking around Rs 5 crore in installments while promising an MLA ticket.

The FIR states that the financial transaction began in July of last year and continued through March of 2023.

After the accused claimed that the money was with an RSS official named Vishwanath, who suddenly passed away, the complainant grew sceptical.

He inquired after becoming sceptical and learned that there was no RSS leader by the name of Vishwanath. The pair cut off communication after the complainant demanded his money back, leading him to call the police.

The complainant alleges that Gagan and Kundapur deceived him by having Ramesh pose as RSS leader Vishwanath in order to obtain money.

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Nature's rainy blessing

Unexpected rain catches citizens off guard, refreshing the city in moments.

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BMTC enthusiasts propose innovative 'ticket to ride'

Advocates of public transport call for subsidised rates, free passes, enhanced marketing initiatives to attract newcomers to BMTC bus services

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Citizens suggest BMTC consider subsidising or providing feeder bus services free of cost to encourage those who use personal vehicles to switch to public transport

City's public transport enthusiasts urge the Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) to implement a marketing strategy involving subsidised rates on routes that do not receive adequate patronage and the distribution of free bus passes to newcomers, offering them a taste of the corporation's services.

Vijay Dinakar, a public transport enthusiast, said that when the BMTC first launched Volvo bus services in the IT corridor of the city, they carried out a 'Bus Day' campaign where on a particular day in a month, one could travel on the Volvo service for only Rs 1. "This encouraged many first-timers to use the BMTC and experience its service," he said, adding that the move would drive consideration to public transport.

Rajkumar Dugar, founder of Citizens for Citizens, said that the BMTC could experiment by making one day in a month free for all, similar to what the BMTC had announced on August 15 last year, when the corporation completed its 25th anniversary. As many as 61.47 lakh passengers, more than double the average daily BMTC ridership numbers, had availed of the free bus travel facility.

"Due to the Shakthi scheme, women are allowed to use the services free of cost round the clock. One day of the month can be made free for men too, so the public can experience BMTC buses and become familiar with the routes the buses ply," he said, adding that many are still unaware of intricate connections across the city. When asked if the BMTC can tolerate a potential increase in ridership, even for a day, he said, "The Corporation must have some ground rules such as allowing only 10-20 standing passengers, after which boarding passengers must be denied entry.

The experiment must hope to facilitate genuine passengers trying to unravel easier commute routes," he said.

Kaushik, a frequent commuter, said that the BMTC could consider subsidising or providing feeder bus services free of cost to encourage those who use personal vehicles for first and last-mile connectivity to switch to public transport. For example, he offered the recently introduced feeder buses in the HSR layout by the Directorate of Urban Land Transport (DULT) as part of its Sustainable Mobility Accord (SuMA) and BMTC.

> **"A free bus pass valid for a week or so can be issued to newcomers, allowing a chance to showcase how BMTC is the way to commute** – Vijay Dinakar, Public transport enthusiast

A senior BMTC official denied the corporation having conducted any 'Bus Day' campaigns and said that the corporation has no plans to run similar campaigns.

"Among the many ways of promoting the use of public transportation, may it be the introduction of high parking charges or congestion pricing, other countries also practice issuing free bus passes for first-time visitors.

Folks who are new to Bengaluru do not readily know the bus routes, functionality of the BMTC application and benefits of the low cost of commute," said Dinakar, adding that BMTC or an equivalent authority must have a platform where users can register themselves as 'New to Bengaluru'. "After appropriate verification, a free bus pass valid for a week or so can be issued, allowing a chance to showcase how BMTC is the way to commute," he explained.

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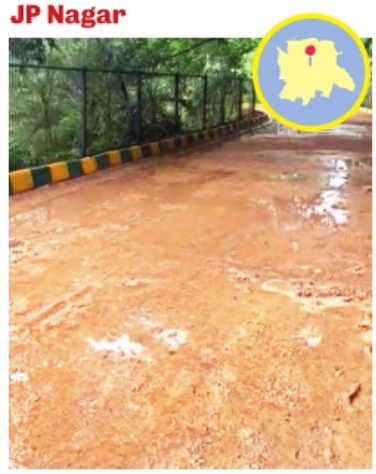

Kothnur Joggers Park, at JP Nagar 8th Phase, faces recurring challenges with its terrain becoming waterlogged after each rain, rendering it inaccessible to park goers.

Drain delay

Victoria Layout

Pedestrians along the 6th Cross Victoria Layout face inconvenience as the drain construction project remains unfinished for six months.

Market anarchy

KR Puram

Unauthorised vendors have taken over the KR Puram bus stop on Old Madras Road, with their daily presence spanning from morning to night. The BBMP and the police have yet to undertake any regulatory measures.

Life in a metro from a metro

Citizens love the idea of card allowing tourists limitless travel in metro to visit all popular spots in Bengaluru

Metro stations are at many important sights of the city

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The Chennai Metro Rail Limited (CMRL) has begun an initiative to provide tourist cards at Rs 150, with a refundable deposit of Rs 50, allowing limitless travel around Chennai for one day. Residents of the city say that the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) can also try and introduce such a card for tourists who visit the city.

A citizen took to Twitter (now X) and said that the BMRCL can offer a one-day card through which tourists can visit the Vidhana Soudha, Cubbon Park, Lalbagh, VITM (Visvesvaraya Industrial and Technological Museum), Jawaharlal Nehru Planetarium, Bangalore Palace, Big Banyan tree, Sri Someswara Temple, Gurudwara, and for shopping purposes to MG Road, Brigade Road and Commercial Street. The netizen also said that the last-mile connectivity can be provided by Bangalore Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) services.

However, a source from VITM said that a one-day pass may not allow tourists to visit many places across the city. "The VITM is about 10 minutes away from the metro station and takes at least two hours to be explored entirely. If one is hoping to look at all the intricacies in the museum, they must be willing to give up other tourist spots on their itinerary," she said, adding that the metro must consider extending the facility to three days. "It will not only allow the tourists to enjoy their time with leisure but will also imbibe a sense of appreciation towards the services provided by the BMRCL. It will be a great brand building initiative," she added.

> **"Extending facility will not only allow the tourists to enjoy their time with leisure but will also imbibe a sense of appreciation towards BMRCL's service** –VITM source

The metro currently provides daily passes at Rs 200 and a three-day pass at Rs 400. Both these passes include a security deposit of Rs 50 and are available at all metro ticket counters.

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BIG FAT WEDDING
Parineeti Chopra is all set to enter the bride mode

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All you need to know about Nipah virus

No worry in city, say docs as they explain symptoms of infection, advise precautions

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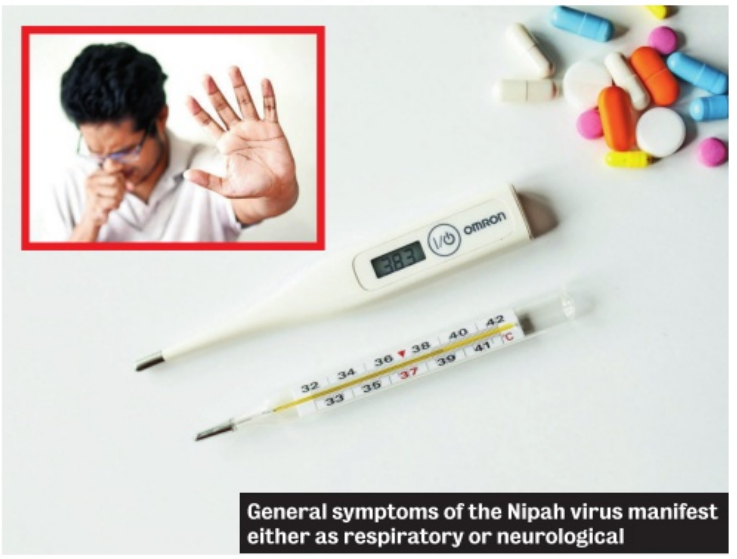
With two deaths of Nipah Virus in Kerala, there has been a growing concern in Bengaluru as well. However, doctors say there is no need to panic as of now, but precautions should be taken. "The risk typically decreases with distance. Based on the geographical distance between Bengaluru and the affected areas in Kerala, there is no need for immediate panic or worry. However, keep in mind that modern transportation can facilitate the spread of infectious diseases," Dr Pavan Yadav (Lead Consultant-Interventional Pulmonology and Lung Transplantation, Aster RV Hospital) told BM.

Adding to this, Dr Neha Mishra (Consultant - Infectious Diseases, Manipal Hospital Old Airport Road) said, "The Nipah virus is an RNA virus predominantly found in the Asia-Pacific region. It was first discovered in 1998 and since then has been observed in Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, and India, particularly in the states of Kerala and West Bengal. Patients contract the disease through direct or indirect contact with animal secretions, often from a specific type of bat within the Pteropus genus, commonly referred to as fruit bats. It can also spread through human-to-human contact once a human becomes infected, either through contact with an infected individual/human indirectly or the secretions of infected animals directly. Consumption of raw palm sap is one of the modes of transmission resulting in infections among people."



General symptoms of the Nipah virus manifest either as respiratory or neurological

She said that the general symptoms of the Nipah virus manifest either as respiratory or neurological. Many patients may present with symptoms such as cough, breathlessness, or chest pain. Individuals may also experience headaches, neck pain, and blurred vision, indicating meningeal involvement. "Such patients can become sicker rapidly and may require medical support. The mortality rate in such severe cases can range from 30% to as high as 90%. Treatment for Nipah virus infection is primarily focused on addressing symptoms. The bottom line is that we should be aware of this disease, and if any patient experiences any symptoms resembling the mentioned pattern, she/he should always seek the help of medical practitioners. It is also important to emphasise the importance of avoiding contact with animal secretions and wearing gloves when handling animals or animal materials. Healthcare professionals dealing with infected individuals should also take necessary precautions", she said.

Dr Subrata Das (Senior Consultant - Internal Medicine and Diabetology, Sakra World Hospital) said, "Home isolation, and washing fruits and vegetables before consumption should be the major steps to protect oneself. The Nipah virus can be deadly for some individuals, and while it hasn't been common in Bangalore so far, it's important to recognise that viruses can spread across geographical boundaries. Nipah virus comes from animals like bats, pigs, dogs, and horses and can infect people who are in contact with them. It can cause severe and sometimes deadly sickness, but it doesn't spread as easily as COVID-19 or the flu, so it's unlikely to cause a big outbreak quickly. Nipah virus usually causes fever and brain swelling (encephalitis), leading to persistent headaches. Additionally, it can lead to stomach issues like diarrhoea and vomiting, along with muscle pain and weakness. In severe cases, it may cause disorientation and seizures, highlighting the seriousness of the disease."

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> –Dr Subrata Das, Sakra World Hospital

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Passion for the protection of wildlife and the conservation of natural resources M.N. Jayakumar, retired Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Zoo Authority of Karnataka, has transitioned from a distinguished forest officer to one of India's leading nature photographers and one among the few forest officials to take up nature photography.

Jayakumar is now set to host a grand exhibition titled "Encounters in the Wild 2.0," for the Bangaloreans. A celebration of global wildlife as well as 50 years of India's iconic Project Tiger, from 28 September - 8 October at Chitrakala Parishath. He joined the Karnataka Forest Department (KFD) in 1975 and retired in 2012. His passion for the protection of wildlife and the conservation of natural resources continued, as he travelled across various national parks and sanctuaries in India and captured some of the best wildlife photographs.

'Encounters in the wild 2.0' will exhibit photos with a QR code that will have more details about the animal or bird

"Encounter in the Wild 2.0" will take the visitors on a journey across India, South East Asia, Africa and America. The exhibition will showcase a staggering collection of 231 photographs spread across four themed halls at Chitrakala Parishath. These striking images will highlight 47 species of mammals, 109 species of birds, eight species of reptiles and frogs, and breathtaking landscapes.

"The theme of the exhibition is experience, education and engagement. Visitors can come and experience the beauty of nature through photographs. Each photograph will have a QR code, where a person can scan the code and read more about the animal or bird. The pictures of tiger shots are all from the Indian forests and will be exhibited in hall one. Hall 2 will feature primates and birds, some from Vietnam. Hall 3 will cover the African continent Kenya, Tanzania, Botswana and South Africa. While Hall 4 will cover Costa Rica, Ecuador and Peru. There is also a fifth hall in the premises where other events and workshops will be conducted," Jayakumar told BM.

This exhibition isn't limited to photography alone. There will be a host of events like wildlife week-themed drawing and painting competition, wildlife quizzes for high school and college children, a panel discussion on various topics like challenges of wildlife management in Karnataka, and the role of media in forest, environment and wildlife conservation. Visitors can also enjoy screening of nature themes, short films and documentaries, followed by filmmaking workshops and many other events.

Project Tiger, launched by the Government of India in April 1973, is a one-of-a-kind project that aims to protect and save the Royal Bengal Tiger in India. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Project Tigers' unique conservation success stories. And the event at Chitrakala Parishath would be free for the public to come experience, educate and engage.

Jayakumar said, "From the implementation of Project Tiger, the tiger habitats have received more protection and the numbers have gone up in the country. Currently, Karnataka holds the second-highest tiger population in India."

Jayakumar's photographs have also been displayed across exhibitions in India, England, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Finland, Australia, Scotland, the USA and South Africa.

Stop bleeding KSRTC

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expressed interest in leasing it out, and negotiations are ongoing."

Despite the KSRTC's persistent efforts to attract commuters over the years, the bus stand remains largely vacant, leading to substantial financial losses. Consequently, the KSRTC has turned to options of non-transport revenue by leasing out the building as office space along with the adjacent vacant area.

Tumkur Road holds significant importance for the KSRTC, as it connects 20 districts in Karnataka, resulting in many KSRTC buses operating on this route. Initially, the plan was to redirect all Nelamangala-bound traffic away from Peenya by constructing a bus stop at a cost of Rs 40 crore in 2014. However, services were discontinued due to inadequate bus connectivity to the terminal from other parts of the city. In 2018, services were resumed with hopes of increased passenger traffic through the Peenya metro station, but the situation has not improved, and the KSRTC continues to incur losses. Currently, nearly 600 buses operate from the Basaveshwara bus station daily.

Non-transport revenue

In response, the KSRTC has decided to explore non-transport revenue options by partially renting or leasing the bus stand. The Basaveshwara bus stop includes 40 shops, and plans are in place to develop the adjacent vacant land for various uses. The KSRTC has also proposed several other ideas, but none have proven successful.

A KSRTC official explained, "We are facing some losses due to low passenger traffic at the Basaveshwara bus stop, but we are actively seeking ways to attract more people. The main road is 0.75 km from the bus stop, so we had planned to install a travelator connecting it to the Peenya metro station for convenient travel. However, none of these initiatives have yielded positive results."

Divya G, who also lives near the bus stand, commented, "Upon careful analysis of the situation at the KSRTC bus stand in Peenya, it becomes evident that the concept was flawed from the outset. The bus stand's location away from the main road necessitates a considerable walk for passengers. Additionally, the limited frequency of BMTC buses serving the stand results in uncertainty for passengers, prompting many to opt for Jalahalli Cross instead of the Basaveshwara bus terminal. Instead of forcing passengers to use the Basaveshwara terminal, the KSRTC could learn from the Kerala model. Presently, the Kerala Transport authority operates buses from the Basaveshwara bus stand to various destinations. Therefore, our KSRTC could consider implementing direct bus routes to destinations like Mysuru, Tirupati, Chennai, Hyderabad, and others via Majestic. This would enable residents in and around Peenya to access buses to various destinations more conveniently."

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HER SIDE OF THE STORY

Here's how women can make sure their voices are heard when seeking help

When you go to the doctor, you expect they'll listen to your concerns and help fix whatever problem you may be experiencing. But many women, especially those suffering with chronic pain conditions, find the opposite is true. This can make it difficult for women to get the treatment they need.

For instance, researchers who interviewed endometriosis sufferers on their experiences with healthcare practitioners found many struggled to get the support they needed. As one participant put it, "you need to try so hard that they believe you, because they don't. You experience that immediately, that they don't believe you."

In the UK, a survey by the Wellbeing of Women charity (which invests in research on women's health) found that over half of female respondents felt their pain had been dismissed or ignored by a healthcare professional at some point. Women in other parts of the world – including North America, Australia and Europe – report similar experiences.

There's a clear gender gap when it comes to identifying and treating women's pain compared to men's. For instance, women are less likely than men to have positive treatment outcomes for chronic conditions such as angina and musculoskeletal pain.

Physicians are four times more likely to recommend a knee replacement for a man than a woman with the same knee injury. The poorer quality care women received compared to men after suffering a heart attack was to blame for 8,243 preventable deaths between 2003-2013 in England and Wales.

The dismissal of women's pain also leads to long delays in diagnoses and treatment for conditions such as polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and endometriosis.

The gender pain gap affects not only adults, but children and young people – with research showing young women are more likely to have their pain dismissed by physicians than young men.

The gender pain gap is even worse for black women, who are more likely than white women to have their pain dismissed and receive poorer pain treatment.

There also remains little research on pain treatment for gender diverse, transgender, non-binary and intersex patients which may mean these groups are even worse off when accessing treatment.

Gender pain gap

Pervasive gender stereotypes are a key reason women's pain is underestimated. These widely held stereotypes – held even by healthcare professionals – construct men as "stoic" and women as "emotionally expressive" when in pain.

Men are thought to be less likely to seek care for pain – so when they do, they are to be believed. In actuality, this is false, with research showing men are equally likely to go to the doctor when experiencing pain as women are.

Women are also believed to have a greater capacity to cope with pain because of the pain that accompanies menstruation and childbirth. These stereotypes mean women's pain is viewed as "natural" and "normal" – and may not be taken as seriously by a practitioner.

One study, which had healthcare professionals watch videos of female and male patients experiencing chronic shoulder pain, found practitioners were more likely to underestimate women's pain. They also reported the women, but not the men, would benefit from psychotherapy.

Other studies have shown healthcare practitioners are sometimes more likely to prescribe sedatives than pain medication to female patients experiencing pain.

Historically, women have been underrepresented in medical research and clinical trials. In the UK, only from 2024 will it be compulsory for new GPs to have training in women's health.

This may somewhat explain the lack of knowledge practitioners have had in regards to women's pain and their health concerns. And, women may be given medications and treatments that have only been trialled with men – despite female patients being more likely to experience side effects from new medications.

The gender pain gap cannot be addressed until disparities in medical research and funding are. Conditions which have a disproportionate effect on women (such as migraines and endometriosis) receive "much less" funding relative to their severity and prevalence, while conditions which predominantly affect men (such as HIV) receive more funding – despite their lower prevalence.

Getting the right care

Pain is never something you should accept and put up with. If you need to speak with a practitioner about your pain, there are many things you can do to ensure your voice is heard.

For example, telling your practitioner how pain affects your ability to function in your day-to-day life can be more effective than trying to rate pain on a scale. Using an app or diary to track pain and related symptoms, and bringing it with you in the consultation room, can also be helpful.

If you're comfortable, raise the issue of bias in pain care. Ask how your practitioner is ensuring you're not part of the larger statistic of women feeling dismissed. Ask them to explain their diagnostic decision-making and how they've ruled out certain conditions. You can also ask them to note in your file why they haven't made a referral for specialist care. This may be helpful if you return with the same symptoms later.

> "There's a clear gender gap in identifying and treating women's pain compared to men's. For eg, women are less likely to have positive treatment outcomes for chronic conditions

Bring a family member or friend to advocate for you if you don't feel comfortable doing it alone.

In the UK, you can also ask for a patient advocate, who will speak up for you and help you get the right care.

Addressing inadequate funding for conditions that affect women, improving training for practitioners and increased awareness of the gender pain gap, will all help ensure women in pain are no longer dismissed.

(By Annalise Weckesser, Birmingham City University, The Conversation)

All you need to know about...

Digestive diseases in elderly

Impacts seniors' health
Digestive diseases in older adults lead to higher rates of loneliness and depression, impacting overall health, according to a study.

Digestive diseases on the rise
The researchers said in recent years, there has been a greater emphasis among health providers in detecting why so many people are developing digestive diseases. "As physicians, it's important for us to pay attention to psychosocial factors involved in the lives of our patients, but they often go overlooked," said Shirley Ann Cohen-Mekelburg, gastroenterologist at Michigan Medicine. "These factors have the potential to significantly impact gastrointestinal health, and they also play a crucial role in the overall wellbeing of our patients," she added.

The study
To examine the rates of loneliness, depression and social isolation in older adults both with and without digestive diseases, the team analysed the data from 2008 to 2016 involving 20,000 individuals in the US who are 50 years and older, as well as their spouses.

Findings of the study
The findings, published in the Clinical Gastroenterology and Hepatology, showed that individuals with a digestive disease were more likely to report 'poor-or-fair' health when compared to those without one.
Among patients with a digestive disease, loneliness, as well as moderate to severe depression, were associated with greater odds of self-reporting 'poor-or-fair' health, Cohen-Mekelburg said.
Overall, 60.4% and 55.6% of respondents with and without digestive diseases reported loneliness, while 12.7%and 7.5% reported severe depression, and 8.9% and 8.7% reported social isolation, respectively, she noted.

—IANS

Only 25% of hit-and-run cases are cracked

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violators will be recorded in one or the other camera and this fear will always be there in the minds of those traffic violators," opined a user.

However, making dash cams mandatory will require amendment to the Motor Vehicle Act, and citizens also say that not everyone can afford a camera on their vehicle.

A Bengalurean told BM, "As a layman, I am not for making dashcams or bike cameras mandatory. It is definitely beneficial for those who can afford it. People can only assist the police by taking pictures and identifying the perpetrators. It is good to encourage people to do so and raise awareness about its importance. But, in the end, the responsibility lies with the police. They should optimise their CCTV cameras and make use of those installed by homes and establishments as well."

Mayur, who recently got into a hit-and-run accident near Ejipura bus stop says that while dashcams can be helpful in identifying the culprits in vehicle-to-vehicle hit and run cases, they would not solve the issue of pedestrian deaths.

"To address the issue, more CCTVs monitored by law enforcement should be available to capture the scene of the crime. But more importantly, after a hit and run case is reported by a hospital by filing a medico-legal case, police officials must take prompt action to gather all available evidence and investigate the case rather than waiting for the victim to appear before a police station and file the complaint. CCTV data available in the vicinity might only be stored for a limited period," he told BM.

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India calls X a 'habitual non-compliant platform'

K'taka HC told company wants to be judge over government orders

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India's government has told a court that Elon Musk's X is a "habitual non-compliant platform" and for years has not followed many orders to remove content, undermining the government's role, according to a legal filing reviewed by Reuters.

The remarks were contained in an August 24 non-public filing by India's IT ministry to the high court in the southern state of Karnataka, which is set to hear a challenge brought by the social media platform over a government fine in coming days. X and India's IT ministry did not respond to Reuters' request for comment.

Formerly known as Twitter, X has an ongoing legal tussle with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's administration over what New Delhi alleges is non-compliance with content removal orders.

In June, Karnataka's High Court fined the platform 5 million rupees ($60,291) and said it had not complied with many blocking orders without any plausible explanation.

Twitter challenged that ruling to a higher bench in the court and argued New Delhi could be emboldened to block more content and broaden the scope of censorship.

In its 28-page filing, the IT ministry said X's challenge should be thrown out, arguing the company had in the past also unblocked accounts that government ordered to be blocked - without its knowledge. By doing so, X undermined "the role of the government in a democratic setup", the filing added.

India and X have had strained relations for years. The tussle dates back to 2021 when the social media platform declined to block certain accounts New Delhi ordered to be taken down, related to farmer protests against the Indian government's policies.

Indian authorities have also asked the company to take down content, including accounts deemed supportive of an independent Sikh state, posts alleged to have spread misinformation about protests by farmers, and tweets critical of the government's handling of the Covid-19 pandemic.

The June ruling against Twitter followed a lawsuit filed by the company in 2022, before the social media platform was owned by Musk, challenging many of India's content removal orders. Under Musk's ownership, X has been pursuing a legal challenge to that ruling since August.In the latest court filing, India's government argues X is "advocating a dangerous trend" by seeking to judge the merits of government orders and that, if allowed, would make all platforms the "final arbitrator of lawful orders".

The ongoing lawsuits come when Musk's Tesla is discussing a plan to set up a factory in India to make electric vehicles. **-Reuters**

'X' logo is seen on the top of the headquarters of the messaging platform X, in downtown San Francisco

X deposits Rs 25 lakh

X Corp (formerly Twitter) on Wednesday informed the High Court of Karnataka that it has deposited Rs 25 lakh following a division bench order on August 10. The company had challenged the single judge order of June 30 to deposit Rs 50 lakh by August 14. The division bench in its earlier hearing of the appeal on August 10 directed the company to deposit half the amount to allow the appeal and for the X Corp to show its bonafides.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice Prasanna B Varale and Justice MGS Kamal after hearing the appeal by the micro-blogging site against the order of Justice Krishna S Dixit had passed its order on August 10.

The single judge bench had dismissed X Corp's petition challenging the take-down orders on Tweets, URLs and hashtags issued by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeiTY). The single judge bench had also imposed a cost on the company in its judgement on June 30. **-PTI**

Case against TV channel, journalist

The TV channel Aaj Tak and journalist Sudhir Chaudhary have been booked by Bengaluru police central division for disseminating "fake news" concerning a Karnataka government programme for religious minority communities.

Invoking IPC sections 505 (statements conducing to public mischief) and 153A which is for promoting enmity between various groups on grounds of religion, race, place of birth, domicile, language, etc., Seshadripuram police filed a FIR late on Tuesday night.

The complaint claims that Chaudhary "falsely claimed" that Karnataka exclusively provides financial assistance to Muslims, Christians, and other religious minorities, leaving Hindus out, during his prime-time programme Black and White on Aaj Tak. **-BMB**

Sindhuri gets posting after 7 months

After a gap of seven months, IAS officer Rohini Sindhuri has been assigned a new posting. Among a series of transfers made by the Siddaramaiah government, Sindhuri has been appointed as the Chief Editor of the Karnataka Gazetteer Department. In February of this year, Sindhuri was transferred following a public spat between her and IPS officer D Roopa. Suralkar Vikas Kishor is now Zonal Commissioner for RR Nagar zone, Latha Kumari Secretary of the Karnataka Public Service Commission, CN Sreedhara Commissioner for Textile Development and Director of Handlooms and Textiles, Sangappa MD of Karnataka State Electronics Development Corp, Shreeroopa Executive Director of State Mineral Corporation Limited. **-BMB**

195 taluks in state facing drought: Minister

'Govt will have to declare a drought situation and then the compensation will be announced'

Karnataka Minister for Revenue Krishna Byre Gowda on Wednesday said that 195 of 227 taluks in the state are facing a drought-like situation.

Speaking to reporters at Vidhana Soudha, Gowda said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah is likely to officially declare those areas as drought-affected. "The notification will be issued announcing the drought-prone taluks and a report in this regard would be submitted to the Centre in 10 days," he said, adding: "The government will have to declare a drought situation and then the compensation will be announced." "We got information on 62 taluks being drought-prone. The Cabinet also discussed it in detail. In the discussion it came to light that more taluks are drought hit," Gowda said. A direction has been given to form a Task Force in all taluks and provide jobs under the Employment Guarantee scheme, he stated.

"There is a shortage of more than 40 per cent of rainfall in Malnad (hilly) region. There is a shortage of rain in the Cauvery catchment area and a similar situation exists in the interior regions of the state," he said.

A crop survey would be conducted in 40 taluks after 15 days. **-IANS**

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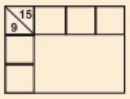
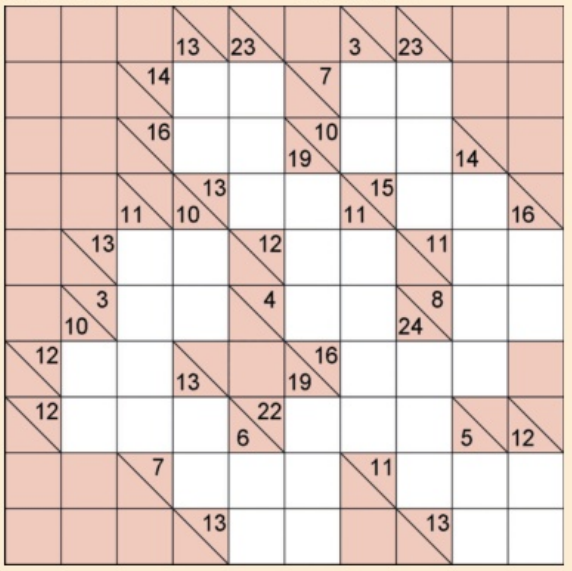


for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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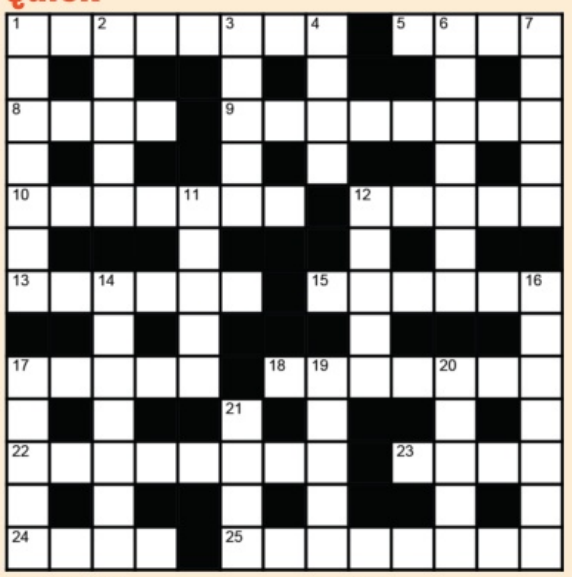


ACROSS

1 Father of India's Constitution (8)
5 Colouring agents (4)
8 Blocks, dolls, kites, et al. (4)
9 Duenna for one? (8)
10 Cadaver (7)
12 Tropical fruit (5)
13 Endorse (6)
15 Tourist destination where R K Narayanan's Malgudi Days was filmed (6)
17 Having pointed nose (5)
18 Stay in shape (4,3)
22 Scrawls on walls (8)
23 Carte du jour (4)
24 ___ up: busy or occupied ? (4)
25 Resent; be dissatisfied with (8)

DOWN

1 Assaults (7)
2 Purchaser (5)
3 Strikes with the foot (5)
4 Gather in the harvest (4)
6 Spar supporting sail (4-3)
7 Tennis star ___ Mirza (5)
11 Irritate (5)
12 A type of lively dance? (5)
14 Ridiculous pretence (7)
16 Gush forth? (7)
17 Prejudiced person (5)
19 ___ out : making last longer? (5)
20 Liberated (5)
21 Amitabh Bachchan of course (3,1)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: Z EQUALS H

ZC VCYPHCK UZC IVCXUCKU PVAXYCAU PR RVGCALKZGS, OZP UXDCK XOXB RVPY GU VCKSCWU.

Linemaro

Your mouse told me that you have very soft hands

Mindchow

Every man dies. Not every man really lives

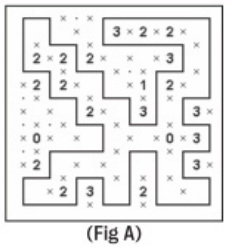
Joke of the day

Humpty-Dumpty was pushed!

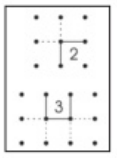
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

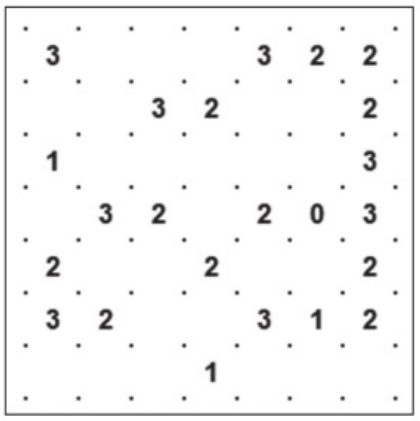


(Fig B) Not Allowed

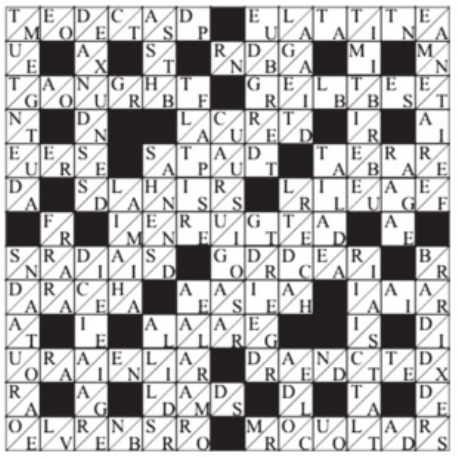
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



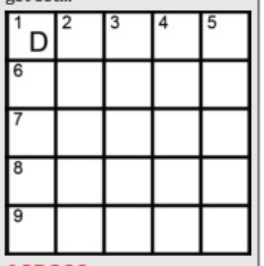
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

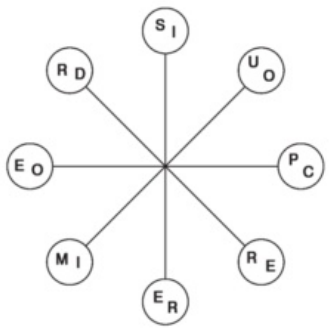
1 Mrs do; 6 A rale; 7 Merit; 8 A be as; 9 Girth

DOWN

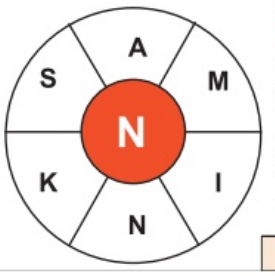
1 Drama; 2 I rob I; 3 Great; 4 Harms; 5 Leets

Mensapuzzle

Work clockwise round the circles to spell out two eight letter words that are antonyms. Each word commences in a different circle, and you must find the starting point of each. Every letter is used once each and all letters are consecutive.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

04 Average; 05 Good; 07 Outstanding

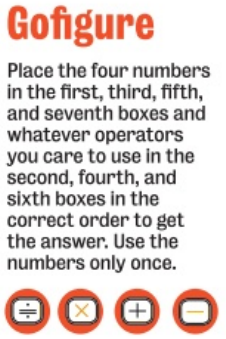
SudokuChallenge

	3			2			4	
1		9	7		6	3		8
			1		3			
8		1				4		2
	6						7	
3		7				6		5
			2		4			
6		2	3		5	9		1
	7			9			6	

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



Easy = 16
3 4 6 9

Medium = 12
4 7 8 9

Hard = 28
3 7 8 5

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Candle is missing. 2. Pot handle is lower. 3. Spine of book is different. 4. Necklace is added. 5. Hair is longer. 6. Apron bow is smaller.

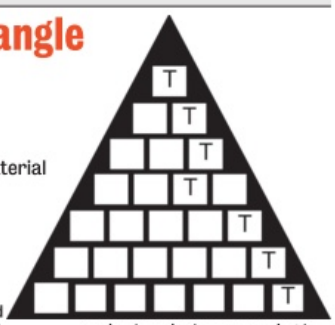
Riddler

What is the missing number?

6		7		7		6	
8		6		6		?	
2	2	5	3	4	2	5	3

Alpha triangle

1 Tonne, abbr.
2 ___ tu Brute ...
3 Matched pieces
4 Fetches
5 Visitor
6 Strengthening material
7 Propose



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I WASN'T ABLE TO PREORDER SO I WANNA WIN THIS FREE BOOK!
I WILL MAKE SURE WE WIN THIS TRIVIA CONTEST EVEN IF IT KILLS ME.
THAT'S THE SPIRIT!
TO WINNING!

Crankshaft

WE'VE HAD A SLIGHT CHANGE IN PROGRAMMING THIS EVENING...
WE'VE HAD TO CANCEL BEETHOVEN'S NINTH FOR TONIGHT...
BUT TO MAKE UP FOR THAT, WE'LL BE PERFORMING BEETHOVEN'S FOURTH AND FIFTH!
7-3

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, you may be blessed by the moon. You may receive a significant order with the help of overseas contacts. You may face moments of anxiety, but somehow you will manage to control it. Students are likely to study their subjects in-depth. Investors are advised to make long-term investments for fruitful gains.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may be busy at work. You might face difficulties in completing tasks, which could upset you. However, with blessings from elders and gurus, you will overcome this situation. Due to workload, you may feel mentally tired and unable to spend time with your family. Fortunately, your siblings are likely to support you in maintaining domestic harmony.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, things are under control, and the recent crunch may be over. You'll feel calm and focused on your goals, enjoying your work. Disputes in partnerships may be resolved, and property-related litigation may find a solution. You might also experience some romantic moments with loved ones.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today is not a good day for you; you may struggle with negative thoughts and impatience. Your arrogance could hinder you from making difficult decisions. Your life may seem stuck. Seek the blessings of your elders to navigate through challenging situations. Avoid investing in dead assets, and lovebirds should steer clear of discussing worthless topics.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, you are blessed by the moon, and you may receive good news related to work and business. Your domestic life will be filled with joy. Avoid engaging in arguments about trivial matters, as overexcitement could test your patience. Consider making important investment decisions regarding assets, and students should stay focused on their studies.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today is favourable for your work, and you will perform well. Your boss may assign you more responsibilities, potentially leading to promotions. Your rivals and opponents are now under control. You may consider lending money to build your assets and plan investments for your children's future.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, you may feel very dull, which can lead to laziness and carelessness, affecting your focus at work. Impatience may have a negative impact. Concerns about the health of your kids and spouse may trouble you. Avoid investing in assets Lovebirds should refrain from engaging in family arguments.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may sense negative vibrations around you, which may make you unhappy. Avoid investing in worthless assets and don't expect much support from friends, as they might not be helpful today. Trust your intuition when making important decisions.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today, you may successfully implement your business plans with the support of your subordinates. You could participate in social or family gatherings, expanding your network. Short business-related trips may be on the horizon, offering future benefits.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today is a good day, and your financial health is likely to be good. You might benefit from past investments and gain control over your spending on unnecessary items, boosting your savings. Lovebirds are advised to maintain a polite conversation with their partners to avoid conflicts.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today, you may be occupied with issues related to siblings and relatives. You might plan to start a new venture with the help of your siblings and network. There's a possibility of receiving an order that could boost your family business. Your network may assist you in successfully completing tasks, leading to smart gains with little effort.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you may feel negative and dull due to sleeplessness last night, which may affect your work. It's advisable to postpone investments in your work, as you could become a victim of conspiracy. Keep an eye on opponents and rivals. Lovebirds should exercise patience to avoid unnecessary arguments.

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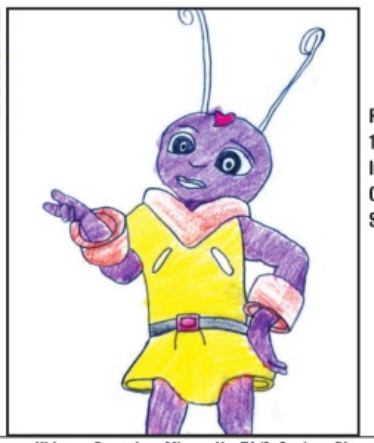

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Numerator:
8·((10/3)-3)
=8·1/3=2
Denominator:
2·(3/2-1/2)=2
Numerator/
Denominator =2/2=1

QUOTE UNCODE
He removes the greatest ornament of friendship, who takes away from it respect.

FAST FIVE

A	R	E	A	L
M	I	T	R	E
A	B	A	S	E
A	R	E	A	L
D	O	R	M	S

BULL'S EYE
akin, KINSMAN, main, mink, sank, sink, skin

STRIKE OUT

T	O	E	C	A	P		E	L	A	I	N	E		
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QUICK

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MENSA PUZZLE
MEDIOCRE, SUPERIOR

RIDDLER
3. The top number minus the bottom left-hand number is multiplied by the bottom right-hand number to give the number inside the triangle.

SUDOKU

7	3	5	9	2	8	1	4	6
1	2	9	7	4	6	3	5	8
4	8	6	1	5	3	7	2	9
8	5	1	6	3	7	4	9	2
2	6	4	5	1	9	8	7	3
9	1	8	2	6	4	5	3	7
3	9	7	4	8	2	6	1	5
6	4	2	3	7	5	9	8	1
5	7	3	8	9	1	2	6	4

ALPHA TRIANGLE
T, Et, Set, Gets, Guest, Gusset, Suggest.

GO FIGURE
Easy
4 + 9 + 6 − 3 = 16
Medium
9 + 7 + 4 − 8 = 12
Hard
7 − 3 x 5 + 8 = 28

LOOP

KAKURO

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Sonakshi's haven Bollywood sensation Sonakshi Sinha, who recently wowed audiences with her performance in 'Dahaad,' has made headlines once again for her lavish real estate purchase in Mumbai

BIG FAT WEDDING

Parineeti Chopra is all set to enter the bride mode

Actress Parineeti Chopra is all set to tie the knot with her fiance Raghav Chadha, who is a popular politician from Aam Aadmi Party. Just a few days back, her reception invitation card which revealed that it will be held on September 30 at the Taj, Chandigarh went viral. And it is now being revealed that the actress is all set to enter the bride mode.

As per a report by Pinkvilla, Parineeti Chopra has completed all her work commitments be it on the brand front or her movie Mission Raniganj: The Great Bharat Rescue which is based on a real-life incident that took place in 1989 in Raniganj coal fields. The report also suggested that Parineeti has already been doing final meetings with the vendors to check and supervise all the preparations for her big fat wedding.

She will be heading to Udaipur, Rajasthan in the next four- five days with her entire family. The wedding will take place on 23rd and 24th September. On the work front, Parineeti has Imtiaz Ali's biopic on Amar Singh Chamkila lined up, where she will be playing Amar's wife while Diljit Dosanjh is playing the titular role. It will be releasing on Netflix soon. The actress was also a part of the sequel to Shiddat which is being produced by Dinesh Vijan, but she left the film and was later replaced by Wamiqa Gabbi.

—ETimes

Rambo reboot

About six years ago Siddharth Anand announced Rambo's Hindi remake with Tiger Shroff in the lead. But since then nothing moved as Siddharth got busy with other projects like War and Pathaan. However, it seems that now things are finally falling in place as Janhvi Kapoor has been signed opposite Tiger in the film.

As per a report by Pinkvilla, Janhvi Kapoor has been brought on board for the film, while Rohit Dhawan who last directed Shehzaada starring Kartik Aaryan will be directing the film.

This is the first time Tiger and Janhvi will be coming together for a film.

Tiger and Janhvi were earlier supposed to be part of Ali Abbas Zafar's Bade Miyan Chote Miyan and then in Jagan Shakti's next untitled action thriller, but it didn't work out because of date issues. Interestingly, their parents Jackie Shroff and Sridevi have worked together in films like Karma and Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja.

The details about Janhvi's character are being kept under wraps at the moment, but her character is the catalyst for the storyline.

Siddharth and Rohit have big plans for the character and the franchise and for that, Tiger will undergo rigorous training under the guidance of international experts in weaponry and guerrilla warfare to prepare for his role.

—ETimes

Full circle

Nick Jonas, who is happily married to Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra, recently revealed that his first date with the Desi Diva was at Dodger Stadium. The singer-actor also shared a post on Instagram along with some lovely photos. In the first photo, Nick is seen holding Priyanka close. Dressed in a black cutout outfit, PeeCee looked uber glamorous. Nick, on the other hand, kept it cool and casual in a black t-shirt.

In the second photo, Nick is seen singing into the mic on stage in front of the live audience. In the second last picture, Nick spoke to someone looking away from the camera as he stood on the stage holding a mic. In the last photo, all three Jonas brothers--Kevin Jonas, Joe Jonas and Nick sat on the edge of the stage and interacted with the audience.

Nick captioned the lovely pictures, 'From seeing games with my brothers to one of my first dates with @priyankachopra and now playing a show at Dodger Stadium... What a full circle moment'. As soon as he shared the photos, hsi friends and fans showered love in the comment section. Priyanka took to the comment section and dropped a heart-eyed emoji on the post.

Priyanka is often seen touring with the Jonas brothers for their concert and cheering for them, especially for her darling husband.

—ETimes

SANDALWOOD SHOTS

Y MAHESWARA REDDY

Special appearance

The bustling set of the Kannada movie "Raja Rani" buzzed with excitement as preparations were underway for the filming of a special song at an open location near Rajanukunte on Friday. A majestic 10-foot Anjaneya idol had been meticulously installed, setting the stage for the song titled "Thala Thala Yellaakade Ninna Haade."

The charismatic Yogesh, known as Loose Mada Yogesh, was the surprise addition to the sequence, sharing the screen with the multi-talented director-cum-hero, Ranadheer, and a group of enthusiastic junior artists. "I am not part of the regular cast; I make a special appearance in this song alongside Ranadheer. We're all working together seamlessly. My dear friend and choreographer, Prabhu, persuaded me to be a part of this song. He knows my dancing prowess," said Yogesh.

The film, titled "Raja Rani," is rumoured to draw inspiration from a real-life incident that occurred 15 years ago in Mysuru. Ranadheer, originally a photographer from Bellary, marks his directorial debut in the Sandalwood film industry with this project. The Director described Raja Rani as a suspense thriller centered around compelling murder mystery.

Path to Hollywood

Bhavana Banavadi Suryanarayanachari, a Bengalurean whose journey has taken her from the vibrant streets of Bengaluru to the bustling studios of Hollywood. Bhavana, born and raised in Bengaluru, has embarked on an exhilarating career as a VFX artist, contributing her talents to approximately 16 Hollywood movies, including notable projects like "Villains of Valley View," "Doom Patrol," and "Batwoman."

"My long-term goal is to set up a Visual Effects Studio in Bangalore after gaining good experience and building a network in the US," says Bhavana.

After completing her education at the Wiztoonz Academy of Media & Design in Bangalore and gaining a few years of experience, she pursued a Master's in Visual Effects at the prestigious Savannah College of Art and Design (SCAD) in Savannah. During her master's program, Bhavana had an opportunity to collaborate with Fox Sports. In her role as a lead look development and compositing artist, she spearheaded a team of 11 artists in researching and developing concepts for a 360-degree live-rendered virtual set for the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, dedicated to FIFA Men's World Cup coverage.